

In the Specification:

On page 5, please amend paragraph 7:

~~Figures~~ ~~Figure 1A-G~~ ~~1A(1), (2), (3), 1B(1), (2), (3), and 1C(1), (2), and (3) shows show~~ the cDNA sequence of human MDM2. In this figure, human and mouse nucleotide and amino acid sequences are compared, the mouse sequence being shown only where it differs from the corresponding human sequence.

On page 6, please amend paragraph 2:

Figure 7A and 7B shows protein expression from the yeast strains described in Figure 6. Western blot analysis was performed as described (Oliner, J.D., et al., *Nature* 358:80-83 (1992)), using 20 µg of protein per lane. The MDM2 and p53 codons contained in the fusion vectors are shown at the top of A and B, respectively. Fig. 7A. Upper panel probed with p53 Ab2 detecting p53; lower panel probed with anti-lexA polyclonal antibodies (lex Ab) detecting MDM2 fusion proteins of 30-50 kD. Fig. 7B. Upper panel probed with Lex Ab detecting the lexA-full length MDM2 fusion protein of 112 kD; lower panel probed with HA Ab (a monoclonal antibody directed against the hemagglutinin epitope tag, Berkeley Antibody) detecting p53 fusion proteins of approximately 25-30 kD.

On page 7, please delete paragraphs 2, 3, and 4:

~~Figure 9 shows a Western blot analysis using monoclonal antibodies to MDM2 or p53. Fifty µg of total cellular proteins from OsA CL or SW480 cells were used for Western blot analysis. The position of molecular weight markers, in kd, is given on the right.~~

~~Figure 10 demonstrates immunocytochemical analysis of OsA CL and SW480 cells grown *in vitro*. Monoclonal antibody IF 2, specific for MDM2, and mAb 1801, specific for p53, were used. The exclusively nuclear localization of both proteins is evident, as is the higher expression of MDM2 protein in OsA CL cells than in SW480 cells, the reverse of the pattern observed for p53.~~

~~Figure 11 demonstrates MDM2 expression in primary soft tissue sarcomas. Cryostat sections of human sarcomas were incubated with the IF-2 antibody specific for MDM2. Tumors #3 and #10 showed nuclear expression of MDM2, while tumor #2 showed no staining.~~